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FROM: Amembassy, BUENOS AIRES CLASSIFICATION: **UNCLASSIFIED**

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TAGS: ASEC, PINS, ALOW, SHUM, AR
SUBJECT: Differential Allowance for Buenos Aires

ACTION: SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE

BUENOS AIRES ~~XXXX~~ 6178 ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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REF: STATE 233155

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
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Exemption(s): **B6**
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Date Declassify on Reason

1. Below follows information requested in ref tel:
 - A. In August 1976, LEGATT here was advised by sources that ERP was in possession of a roster of USMLGP personnel and had targeted one USMLGP member, [] for assassination.
 - B. Following is a list of ~~XXXX~~ U.S. citizens arrested, abducted and/or released in Argentina this year:
 - a) [] - arrested and released in March
Talamonte
 - b) Olga Talamonte - arrested in November 1974 for subversive activities and deported in March.
 - c) Gwenda Mae Loken Lopez - arrested in April for subversive activities. She is still in prison.
 - d) [] - arrested in May, released next

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h) []

]- arrested in May for in-

toxication and released one day later.

Bender

i) Mercedes Naveiro/Bender - was abducted from her home in May and released two days later.

j) []

]- arrested in May on drug charges.

He is about to be released.

k) []

]- held for investigation in

June on drug and subversive charges and released in July.

l) Father James Martin Weeks - arrested in August on subversive charges and expelled in the same month.

m) David Kraiselburd - kidnapped in August. He is still being held, although contact is being made with the kidnapers. He is 2 yrs. old.

n) []

]- arrested in Sept. on counter-

feiting charges. Case is still open.

o) Patricia Ana Erb - abducted in Sept. from her family's home. Her whereabouts are unknown.

C. In May, Elida Messina, Argentine employee of Fulbright Commission, was abducted from her home by unnamed individuals. She was released two days later after being repeatedly questioned concerning her relationship with a family, one of whose members was killed here as a terrorist. Ms. Messina was a friend of the terrorist's sister.

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Jehovah Witnesses

D. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (whose U.S. membership here is very small) were banned because of their refusal to salute the flag or serve in the Armed Forces, which is against Article 21 of the Constitution. U.S. membership in this group was not the cause of the ban.

E. Although it is impossible to determine how many U.S. businessmen have left Argentina, attendance at Lincoln School is a good indicator of the declining U.S. presence in Argentina. The following list of Sept. enrollments and approximate percentages which are U.S. students—demonstrate this decline:

1970	923 students	85 percent U.S.
1971	850 "	85 " "
1972	768 "	85 " "
1973	587 "	65 " "
1974	369 "	65 " "
1975	343 "	65 " "
1976	352 "	65 " "

F. Since first of the year, there have been 15 senior executives of Argentine nationality, employed by major firms, assassinated. During this week (Sept 19) two Argentine executives of Chrysler Corp. are resigning. (Only yesterday, Argentine Sales Manager of Schering Pharmaceutical was assassinated while waiting for the b
G. Between 1 January and 31 August 1976, there have been 1166 deaths resulting from terrorists.

H. 14 Argentine Executives of American firms have been

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kidnapped.

I. In 1976, representatives of the following U.S. church groups have reported threats to the Embassy:

- a) January - Mormons
- b) January - independent Baptists
- c) Christian Reform Church - June
- d) June - Mormons
- e) July - Mormons

J. In addition to above, new Chancery Building was object Sept 20 of arson attack (Buenos Aires 6132) causing damage estimated in excess US\$10,000.

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